

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-8, 10, 13, 15, and 17-20 are amended herein.

Claims 2 and 14 are cancelled herein.

Claims 5, 9, 11-12, and 16 remain unchanged.

The status of the claims are as follows:

1. (Presently Amended) A stirring device for use in combination with a carousel in a microwave oven comprising:

a base member adapted to fit against an upper surface of a cooking chamber of the microwave oven;

an attachment member integral to said base wherein said attachment member is a single suction cup; and

a shaft depending vertically from said base member, and terminating in a head member.

2. (Cancelled herein).

3. (Presently Amended) A device claimed in Claim ~~2~~1 wherein said shaft further comprises:

a first segment depending from said base and having an end distal to said base;

a shaft opening extending along the axis of said first segment and an opening at said distal end; and,

a second segment having a first end configured to be telescopically received by said shaft opening and a second end terminating in the head; and

a securing member for securing said second segment to said first segment.

4. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~2~~1 wherein said shaft further comprises a first segment having a shaft opening and a second segment for telescopic fit in snug, interference fit with the shaft opening of the first segment, the second segment including a head.

5. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 3 wherein said securing member comprises:

a screw hole extending through said first segment and joining said shaft opening proximate said distal end; and

a locking screw received by said screw hole.

6. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~2~~1 wherein said shaft further includes a groove extending at least partially from said base to said head, in a spiral along the length of said shaft.

7. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~2~~1 wherein said head includes a blade having an opening extending there through.

8. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~2~~1 wherein the head comprises a multiplicity of blades.

9. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 8 wherein some of said multiplicity of blades have openings in the walls thereof and others of said multiplicity of blades do not.

10. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~8~~1 wherein said shaft further comprises a first segment having a shaft opening and a second segment for telescopic fit in snug, interference fit with the shaft opening of the first segment, the second segment including a head.

11. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 10 wherein said second segment further includes a straight longitudinal groove in the second segment thereof.

12. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 10 further including circumferential grooves in the walls of the second segment of the shaft.

13. (Presently Amended) A stirring device comprising:

a microwave oven having:

a cooking chamber defined by three walls, a floor, an upper surface, and a door,

and

a carousel located on said floor of said microwave oven,  
a base member;  
an attachment member comprising a suction cup integral to said base member and fixed  
to said upper surface of said cooking chamber; and  
a shaft depending from said base member, and terminating in a head having at least one  
blade.

14. (Cancelled herein).

15. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~14~~13 wherein said shaft further  
comprises:

a first segment depending from said base and having an end distal to said base;  
a shaft opening extending along the axis of said first segment and opening at said distal  
end;  
a second segment having a first end configured to be telescopically received by said shaft  
opening and a second end terminating in a blade; and  
a securing member for securing said second segment to said first segment.

16. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 15 wherein said securing member comprises:

a screw hole extending through said first segment and joining said shaft opening  
proximate said distal end; and  
a locking screw received by said screw hole.

17. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~14~~13 wherein said shaft further includes  
a groove extending from said base to said blade, in a spiral along the length of said shaft.

18. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~14~~13 wherein said blade has an opening  
extending there through.

19. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~14~~13 wherein said head has a multiplicity of blades, at least some of said multiplicity of blades having holes therein.
20. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~14~~13 wherein said shaft includes a longitudinal groove in a surface thereof.